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NOTES AND NEWS

The author of the first article in the present issue of the REVIEW, M. Henri Hauser, is a *chargé de cours* at the University of Clermont, France.

Dr. William Kingsford died at Ottawa on September 29. Born in 1819, he spent his earlier life in the army, in journalism, and in surveying. His *History of Canada*, of which the first volume appeared in 1887, while the tenth (1836-1841) appeared during the year 1898, was not without evidences of the lack of special historical training in earlier life, yet has deserved much respect for laborious research and other solid excellences.

The American Historical Association holds its annual meeting at New Haven, on December 28, 29 and 30. The president is Professor George Park Fisher of Yale University; Professor E. G. Bourne of the same university is chairman of the committee on the programme.

Professor Charles Foster Kent of Brown University and Professor Frank K. Sanders of Yale are to edit the *Historical Series for Bible Students*, a collection of small volumes intended to serve as popular yet scholarly guides to the study of the history, the literature, and teaching of the Old and New Testaments, and of the contemporary history and literature. The series is to be published by Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons. The first two volumes of Professor Kent's *History of the Hebrew People*, which have already appeared, will constitute the first two volumes of the series. Others announced as in preparation are volumes on the history of the Jewish people in the Babylonian, Persian, and Greek periods by Professor Kent; on the Maccabean and Roman periods by Professor J. S. Riggs of Auburn Theological Seminary; on the Egyptians by Professor J. H. Breasted of Chicago University; on the Babylonians and Assyrians by Professor George S. Goodspeed of the same university; on the life of Jesus by Professor Rush Rhees of Newton Theological Seminary; on the Apostolic Age by Professor George T. Purves of Princeton Theological Seminary; and two volumes of outlines for the study of Biblical history and literature by Professor Sanders.

The New England History Teachers' Association met at Boston on October 15. Professor William MacDonald, chairman of a committee on text-books, presented a report on text-books of American history, which has been printed in the *Educational Review* for December. A report on the new Harvard entrance requirements in American history was presented by Mr. R. G. Huling, chairman of another committee. Addresses were delivered on lessons which history has to teach to the American people.

Professor William Cunningham of Trinity College, Cambridge, whose engagement at Harvard College from February to June has been mentioned in these pages, expects during the present year to complete the second part of his *Essay on Western Civilization in its Economic Aspects*.

ANCIENT HISTORY.

M. E. Revillout has published (Paris, Maisonneuve, pp. 163) the first volume of a treatise on *Les Actions Publiques et Privées en Droit Égyptien*.

The Palestine Exploration Fund has brought out, in a volume of 390 pages, an account by the American archaeologist Dr. Frederic J. Bliss of *Excavations at Jerusalem, 1894-1897*, chiefly conducted by him. The book is illustrated by plans and drawings by Mr. Archibald Campbell Dickie. The *Quarterly Statement* of the Fund for October contains a plan of the Lower Pool of Gihon by Baurath Schick, maps of the vicinity of Hebron and Jaffa, and photographs of Petra. Dr. Bliss resumes his work by excavations at Tell es Sâfi, a possible site of ancient Gath.

Dr. T. Witton Davies, professor at the Bangor Baptist College, Wales, has published through Messrs. James Clark and Co. a volume on *Magic, Divination and Demonology among the Hebrews and their Neighbors, including an Examination of Biblical References and of the Biblical Terms*.

In the *Jahresbericht* of the Humboldt Gymnasium at Berlin, for Easter 1898, Dr. S. Herrlich has an instructive monograph on *Epidaurus, eine antike Heilstätte*, in which the whole history of that town and its antiquities are surveyed, in the light of the excavations of Kavvadias and Staïs and of original investigations by the author. The cult of Asklepios naturally forms an important part of the subject-matter.

An important monograph in the field of Grecian historical geography, *Aetolia, its Geography, Topography, and Antiquities*, by Mr. William J. Woodhouse, F.R.G.S., abundantly illustrated with maps and reproductions of photographs, has been published by the Clarendon Press.

A translation of Boissier's *Roman Africa* is soon to be brought out by Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Under the title *The Romans on the Riviera and the Rhone*, the Macmillan Company publish a historical sketch of the Roman conquest and occupation of Liguria and Narbonensis by W. H. Bullock Hall, F.R.G.S.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: M. Winternitz, *Witchcraft in Ancient India* (New World, September); M. Clerc, *De la Condition des Étrangers domiciliés dans les différentes Cités Grecques* (Revue des Universités du Midi, IV. 2); B. I. Wheeler, *Alexander the Great* (Century, November, December); B. W. Henderson, *The Campaign of the Metaurus*, II. (English Historical Review, October).

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.

In the *Catholic University Bulletin* for October Professor T. J. Shahan, D.D., has an article, the first of a series, on the Study of Church History.

The *Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte*, XIX. 1, contains a bibliography of publications in ecclesiastical history which appeared between July 1, 1897, and July 1, 1898.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: V. Ermoni, *L'Histoire du Baptême, depuis l'Édit de Milan jusqu'au Concile in Trullo* (Revue des Questions Historiques, October); *The History of the Roman Breviary* (Church Quarterly Review, July).

MEDIEVAL HISTORY.

A young Belgian scholar, M. G. des Marez, has made an important contribution both to the history of medieval municipalities and to the social history of Flanders, by a volume entitled *Étude sur la Propriété Foncière dans les Villes du Moyen Age et spécialement en Flandre* (Ghent, the University, pp. 392).

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: K. Breysig, *Gottfried von Bouillon vor dem Kreuzzuge* (Westdeutsche Zeitschrift, XVII. 2); J. Declareuil, *Les Preuves Judiciaires dans le Droit Franc du V^e au VIII^e Siècle*, I. (Nouvelle Revue Historique de Droit, XXII. 2); M. Dieulafoy, *La Château Gaillard et l'Architecture Militaire au XIII^e Siècle* (Mémoires de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, XXXVI. 1); J. Hansen, *Inquisition und Hexenverfolgung im Mittelalter* (Historische Zeitschrift, LXXXI. 3).

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British Government has published an additional volume of the *Calendar of the Close Rolls* for Edward III. (1330-1333); Vol IX. (1592-1603) of Mr. Horatio F. Brown's *Calendar of State Papers, Venetian*; the thirtieth report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Records for Ireland; Vol. IV. (1694-1702) of the *English Army Lists*; a report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission on the manuscripts of the Duke of Somerset, of the Marquis of Ailesbury, and of the Rev. Sir S. H. G. Puleston, Bart.; and a volume (1540-1541) of the *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII.*

Professor Charles Gross, of Harvard University, hopes to publish next autumn his long-expected book on the *Sources and Literature of English History.*

A new edition of Bale's *Index Britanniae Scriptorum*, edited by Dr. Reginald Lane Poole and Miss Mary Bateson, is announced for issue in the series of *Anecdota Oxoniensia.*

Professor Frederic W. Maitland has published through Messrs. Methuen a volume of six essays (pp. 192) on *Roman Canon Law in the Church of England.*

In the Ex Libris Series Messrs. Bell and Company are to issue a volume on the Bayeux tapestry, fully illustrated and furnished with historical notes by Mr. Frank R. Fowke, of the Science and Art Department at South Kensington.

Rev. Dr. Edward L. Cutts has finished a volume entitled *Parish Priests and their People in the Middle Ages in England*. It is illustrated with photographic reproductions of illuminations from various manuscripts dealing with ecclesiastical ceremonies and clerical costumes, and is published by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge (pp. xvii, 519).

Father A. Hamy, in his *Entrevue de François Premier avec Henry VIII. à Boulogne-sur-Mer en 1532* (Paris, Gougy, pp. 212, cccclviii) makes an important contribution to the history of the Divorce.

The second volume of the *Calendar of the Records of the Inner Temple*, embracing the period from 1603 to 1660, has been issued by that society with an extensive introduction by Mr. Inderwick.

The Scottish History Society has published the first volume of the *Diplomatic Correspondence of Jean de Montreuil and the Brothers De Bel-lièvre, French Ambassadors in England and Scotland, 1645-1648*, reproduced from the archives of the French Foreign Office and edited by Mr. J. G. Fotheringham. The present volume consists chiefly of the letters of Montreuil to Mazarin and casts much light upon the negotiations between the French, the Scots, and Charles I., which resulted in the King's joining the Scottish army.

The ninth volume of Mr. H. B. Wheatley's edition of Pepys is devoted to a minute index ; but Mr. Wheatley adds a tenth and supplementary volume of Pepysiana, containing chapters of a general nature upon the Pepys family, London and the navy in Pepys's time, his personal characteristics, his will, his cypher, etc.

Mr. Edwin Hodder has edited from journals and papers placed in his hands by Miss Adelaide Gouger *The Founding of South Australia, as recorded in the Journals of Mr. Robert Gouger, First Colonial Secretary*, who co-operated with Wakefield and Torrens in the establishment of the colony.

The autobiography and memoirs of Dr. Charles Merivale, dean of Ely and historian of the Roman Empire, have lately been privately printed at the Oxford University Press. They have been edited by Miss Judith Merivale.

Mr. W. P. Reeves, agent-general for New Zealand, is at work upon a life of the late Sir George Grey, Mr. John Morley upon the authorized biography of Gladstone.

The Scottish Text Society will publish during the year 1899 an edition of the chronicles of Robert Lindsay, of Pitscottie, containing the first accurate text, from the best manuscripts, and additional matter unprinted hitherto, relating to the years from 1565 to 1575. The new edition is to be edited by Mr. Æneas Mackay, Q. C., sheriff of Fife and Kinross.

The Société Jersiaise has begun the publication of the *Actes des États de l' Ile de Jersey*, under the editorial care of Mr. J. Messervy. The re-

cords, it should seem, have a certain interest for students of the history of the American colonies. The two volumes now published extend from 1524 to 1605.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: Sir H. H. Howorth, *The Beginnings of Wessex* (English Historical Review, October); Sir F. Pollock, *English Law before the Norman Conquest* (Law Quarterly Review, July); E. Bishop, *English Medieval Institutes of Cathedral Canons* (Dublin Review, July); R. Aitken, *The Knight Templars in Scotland* (Scottish Review, July); George Savile, *Lord Halifax* (Edinburgh Review, October); J. G. Alger, *The British Colony at Paris* (English Historical Review, October); *Memoirs of Henry Reeve* (Edinburgh Review, October).

FRANCE.

The latest addition to the list of historical journals is one entitled *Souvenirs et Mémoires*, edited by P. Bonnefon and published at Paris by L. Gougy. It is to be devoted, as the name implies, to biographical materials—memoirs, autobiographical pieces, correspondence, etc. The first number, that for July 15, contained memoirs of Madame d'Épinay, letters of Carnot and Berthier, and a narrative by Dumouriez of his mission to Poland.

The French government intends, as a part of its celebration of the year 1900, to issue a history of French printing in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries by A. Claudin, which will be produced by the Imprimerie Nationale in the most perfect manner and will be supplemented with 1200 plates of reproductions from rare books.

The *Bulletin Historique du Protestantisme Français* for the months from April to July contains a varied assortment of articles commemorating, from one point of view or another, the tercentenary of the Edict of Nantes.

M. F. Masson continues his studies of the Bonapartes by a volume entitled *Napoléon et sa Famille, 1802–1805* (Paris, Ollendorff), full of the same elements of interest as his previous volumes.

Abbe Casteig's *La Défense d'Huningue en 1815 et le Général Barbanègre* (Paris, Berger-Levrault, pp. 138), though by an ecclesiastic, is commended as an excellent piece of military history and of research, by which the points most disputed with reference to the celebrated siege have been perhaps finally settled.

In the *Revue des Deux Mondes* for June 15, July 1 and 15, M. Ernest Daudet, making use of the papers of the Duc Decazes, prints three important articles on that minister and Louis XVIII.

Le Maréchal Canrobert; Souvenirs d'un Siècle, by Germain Bapst (Vol. I., Paris, Plon, pp. 560) is a memoir of an unusual type. Though in a sense it emanates from the marshal, it was not written by him. It was M. Bapst's practice to visit him almost every afternoon, and in the

evening to write down what the marshal had told him. Canrobert's memory was excellent, and M. Bapst seems to have been a skilful reporter. He arranged in order the notes thus obtained, and showed the results to his subject, who revised them. They were also revised with the aid of original documents. The value of the book is therefore nearly that of autobiography; indeed in some respects its authority is greater.

M. Pierre Lehautcourt's *Siège de Paris* (Paris, Berger-Levrault, two vols., pp. 407, 439) is praised by the *Revue Historique* as the best history of the siege yet published.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: Vicomte d'Avenel, *Paysans et Ouvriers depuis Sept Siècles*, III., IV. (*Revue des Deux Mondes*, June 15, July 15); Abbé J. Paquier, *L'Université de Paris et l'Humanisme au Début du XVI^e Siècle*; *Jérôme Aléandre* (*Revue des Questions Historiques*, October); G. Hanotaux, *Richelieu et Marie de Médicis à Blois* (*Revue des Deux Mondes*, Nov. 1); G. Lacour-Gayet, *Rapports de Louis XIV. et de Mazarin* (*Revue Historique*, November); A. Mathiez, *Étude Critique sur les Journées des 5 et 6 Octobre 1789*, II. (*Revue Historique*, November); F. A. Aulard, *Bourgeoisie et Démocratie, 1789-1790* (*La Révolution Française*, September 14); A. de Ganniers, *La Campagne de Luckner en Belgique en juin 1792, d'après des Documents originaux inédits* (*Revue Historique*, November); *La Constitution Girondine de 1793* (*Révolution Française*, June); H. von Zeissberg, *Pichegru und Condé in 1795 und 1796* (*Sitzungsberichte der k. Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Wien*, phil.-hist. Cl., CXXXIX. 6); G. Roloff, *Napoleon und sein Invasionsprojekt gegen England, 1803-1805* (*Preussische Jahrbücher*, 1898, 2); F. Masson, *L'Existence d'une Impératrice; Joséphine aux Tuileries* (*Revue des Deux Mondes*, September 1, 15); Henry Housaye, *La Bataille de Waterloo* (*Revue des Deux Mondes*, August 1, 15).

ITALY.

In the *Nuovo Archivio Veneto*, XIV. 2 and XV. 1, Professor Count Carlo Cipolla presents a bibliography of recent works on medieval Italian history.

In M. Paul Sabatier's series, *Collections et Documents pour l'Histoire Religieuse et Littéraire du Moyen Age*, of which we have heretofore spoken as opening with the *Speculum Perfectionis*, Nos. 2 and 3 are to be the *Actus S. Francisci et Sociorum ejus*, the Latin original of the *Fioretti*, and a critical edition of the *Fioretti* themselves.

Professor Camillo Manfroni has published (Rome, Forzani) a work of high importance in the naval history of Italy, *Storia della Marina Italiana dalla Caduta di Costantinopoli alla Battaglia di Lepanto*.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: F. von Bezold, *Republik und Monarchie in der italienischen Literatur des 15. Jahrhunderts* (*Historische Zeitschrift*, LXXXI. 3); A. Reinhart, *Savonarola* (*American Catholic Quarterly*, October).

GERMANY, SWITZERLAND.

In the *Neues Archiv*, XXIII. 3, Dr. K. Hampe finishes his report of his investigations in France and Belgium in 1897; in XXIV. 1, Professor Mommsen prints a final report on the *Auctores Antiquissimi*. This number also contains important studies by P. Scheffer-Boichorst on the Regesta of the period of the Hohenstaufen.

The latest publication of the Historical Commission of Baden is Dr. K. Beyerle's edition of *Die Konstanzer Rathslisten* (Heidelberg, Winter), which, over and above the materials which the title implies, contains much that is useful toward the history of medieval German municipalities.

The Thuringian Historical Commission contemplates publishing the matriculations of the University of Jena, a series of municipal law-codes, and the proceedings of the Landtage of the Ernestine states from 1486 to 1547 (those previous to 1485 falling within the scope of the *Codex Diplomaticus Saxoniae Regiae*).

The Historical Commission for Hesse and Waldeck expects to put forth, as its first publication, the first volume of an *Urkundenbuch* of Fulda, edited by Tangl. The chronicles of Hesse and Waldeck, calendars of the state-papers of the landgraves, the proceedings of the Landtag, a dictionary of local names, local cartularies and a historical book of costumes are to follow.

The military movements in Bavaria leading up to the battle of Blenheim are ably studied, from original sources, largely unprinted, in a monograph by Major-General von Landmann, *Die Kriegführung des Kurfürsten Max Emanuel von Baiern in den Jahren 1703 und 1704* (Munich, C. H. Beck).

In the *Programm* (1898) of the Kneiphof Gymnasium at Königsberg Dr. Gottlob Crause discusses, upon the basis of extensive studies in Prussian archives, the administration of Freiherr von Schroetter in East Prussia and his relation to Stein's reforms.

The participation of the Prussian auxiliary corps in the campaign of 1812 against Russia is the subject of detailed and scientific treatment in No. 24 of the monographs of military history published by the historical section of the Prussian General Staff.

A translation of Dändliker's *History of Switzerland* is soon to be issued by the Macmillan Company.

Dr. E. Bloesch has published the first of two volumes in which he proposes to treat the history of the Protestant churches in all the Swiss cantons from 1531 to 1870, *Geschichte der schweizerisch-reformierten Kirchen* (Bern, pp. 500).

NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM.

A committee of nine scholars, Dutch and Belgian, including Professor P. J. Blok of Leyden and Professor Paul Fredericq of Ghent, has been formed for the preparation of a comprehensive historical atlas of the old Netherlands.

The association of Dutch archivists having appointed a committee to prepare a plan for securing uniformity in the scientific organization of the various Dutch archives, the committee, Messrs. Feith, Fruin and Muller, have made their report in a considerable volume, submitted to the association for discussion.

Since the Council of Brabant had powers both executive, legislative and judicial, of greater extent than most of the provincial councils, a great importance attaches to the careful work, *Le Conseil de Brabant : Histoire, Organisation, Procédure*, of which the first volume has been published by M. Arthur Gaillard, assistant archivist-general of the kingdom of Belgium. The book (Brussels, Lebègue, pp. 492) rests upon materials in the archives of the Council and in those of the Chamber of Accounts of Brabant.

Professor Paul Fredericq has published a second volume (Ghent, Vuylsteke, pp. 195) of his *Geschiedenis der Inquisitie in de Nederlanden*. This instalment relates to the fourteenth century.

Messrs. Muller and Diegerick have published the fourth volume (January, 1581, to March, 1583) of their *Documents concernant les Relations entre le Duc d'Anjou et les Pays-Bas* (Werken van het Historisch Genootschap te Utrecht, n. s., LX.). A fifth volume, extending from March, 1583, to the duke's death, will complete this important series.

Thirty-six of the most prominent Dutch statesmen, historians, artists, and men of science have co-operated in the preparation of a work on the political and social history of the Netherlands during the last half-century, a collection of monographs forming two volumes with the title *Een Halve Eeuw, 1848-1898*.

NORTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE.

Of the recent Swedish historical publications the most important are : *Sveriges Ridderskaps och Adels Riksdagsprotokoll*, XIV. (1682-1683) ; E. Hildebrand's *Svenska Statsförfattnings Historiska Utveckling från äldsta Tid till våra Dagar* ; J. Mankell's *Krigshistoria 1592-1611* ; Vol. I. of Wimarson's *Sveriges Krig i Tyskland (1675-1679)* ; C. G. Malmström's *Sveriges Politiska Historia från Konung Karl XII's Död till Statshöfvens ingång 1772*, Vol. III. ; and Professor C. T. Odhner's *Sveriges Politiska Historia under Konung Gustaf III's Regering*, Vol. II. (1779-1787).

The Archaeological Society of Moscow has established "an archaeological commission," the function of which is to print reports upon the contents of the lesser public and the private archives of Russia—*anglice*, a Historical Manuscripts Commission.

In a supplement to the Michaelmas programme of the University of Greifswald Dr. H. Ulmann makes a critical investigation into the credibility of the memoirs of Prince Adam Czartoryski, summing up in their favor, and examines the plans of Alexander I. respecting Poland, especially in 1805.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals : W. Miller, *Bosnia before the Turkish Conquest* (English Historical Review, October) ; E. Rodoca-

nachi, *Les Iles Ioniennes sous la Domination Russe et sous la Domination Française, 1799-1814* (Revue d'Histoire Diplomatique, 1898, 4).

AMERICA.

The Old South Lectures last summer related chiefly to the non-English elements which in early days entered into the making of the American Republic. The leaflets issued in connection with these lectures presented the account of the founding of St. Augustine, by Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales; Amerigo Vespucci's account of his third voyage; Champlain's account of the founding of Quebec; Barlowe's account of the first voyage to Roanoke; Parker's account of the settlement of Londonderry, N. H., by the Scotch-Irish; Juet's account of the discovery of the Hudson River; Pastorius's description of Pennsylvania, 1700; and Acrelius's account of the founding of New Sweden.

In the *Proceedings* of the American Antiquarian Society at the meeting of April 27, 1898, Senator Hoar prints an interesting account of the fête which Joseph Bonaparte gave after the signing of the treaty of Morfontaine, with interesting glimpses of the First Consul, derived from the papers of William Vans Murray. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin has a paper on the Armenian Massacres.

The burning of a printing house in Dublin, Ireland, on October 12, caused the destruction of the plates and sheets of a new work by the Very Rev. Canon O'Hanlon, entitled *A History of the Irish in the United States down to the present Time*. Fortunately the author had proofs of his work, which is therefore likely to be issued before very long.

Mr. Fred. W. Lucas has made a new and elaborate examination of the story of the Zeni brothers, in the light of new materials which have been made accessible since Major's book was published in 1873. His results are published (London, Henry Stevens Son and Stiles) in a sumptuous volume entitled *The Annals of the Voyages of the Brothers Nicolò and Antonio Zeno in the North Atlantic about the end of the Fourteenth Century and the Claim founded thereon to a Venetian Discovery of America*. The edition is limited to 400 copies. The book will have 234 pages of letter-press, eighteen full-plate maps, and as many more in the text. Mr. Lucas's conclusions are adverse to the credit of the younger Zeno's account.

Of considerable interest and importance to students of early American history is the inaugural lecture with which Professor Luigi Hugues opened his geographical course at Turin in January, and which has now been printed, *Le Vicende del Nome America* (Torino, Loescher).

Mr. Edwin V. Morgan, now at work on a history of the diplomatic service of the United States, desires the loan of documents and letters bearing on this subject. He proposes to publish a complete list of all individuals who have at any time been employed in any diplomatic capacity, and would be obliged especially for the names and addresses of

any persons, or the descendants of any persons who have served, with or without official nomination, as attachés to legations, or as private secretaries (with diplomatic rank) to a diplomatic representative—since the names of these do not appear in the *Official Register*. Address Aurora, Cayuga Lake, N. Y., or Cascadilla Building, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Messrs. George Barrie and Son intend to issue in twenty-five parts of sixteen pages each a history of the army and navy of the United States, illustrated by 300 pictures in the text and fifty full-plate photogravures of the uniforms worn by soldiers and sailors and of ships famous in the American service. The work has the aid and official approval of the United States government. The supplement will contain more than 200,000 names of all officers in active service from 1775 to the present time.

Mr. Charles Henry Hart brings out, in a limited edition of 400 copies (Doubleday-McClure Co.), a handsome illustrated work on *Brower's Life Masks of Great Americans*, discovered by him. The book will be printed by DeVinne, and will contain reproductions of the most important of the masks.

Professor James A. Woodburn, of the Indiana University, has selected from Mr. Lecky's *History of England in the Eighteenth Century* the chapters and passages relating to America, has arranged and edited them with historical and bibliographical notes, and has issued the book for school use through Messrs. D. Appleton and Co. with the title *The American Revolution*.

Mr. Paul Leicester Ford is about to bring out through Messrs. Dodd, Mead and Company an edition of Mason L. Weems's *Life of Washington*, with annotations and bibliographical apparatus, in similar form to that of his book on the *New England Primer*.

The Century Company has brought out a new edition of Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, the translation by Reeve edited by Bowen, to which they have prefixed an introduction by President Gilman of Johns Hopkins University, contributing some interesting biographical matter and other details adapted to promote the understanding of Tocqueville's book in its relation to the times in which it was written.

Mr. William M. Meigs is engaged upon a life of Senator Thomas H. Benton and will be greatly obliged to any person who possesses letters of Benton if he may have the opportunity of borrowing and copying them. His address is 216 South Third Street, Philadelphia.

Mr. Henry F. Brownson of Detroit is at once author and publisher of a partial biography of his father, *Orestes A. Brownson's Early Life, from 1803 to 1844*.

The eighth volume of Mr. James D. Richardson's *Compilation of the Messages and Papers of the Presidents, 1789-1897* (Washington, the Government Printing Office, pp. 852) covers the eight years from March

4, 1881, to March 4, 1889. The plan differs nowise from that of the preceding volumes. The demand for the *Compilation* exceeds what was expected; an arrangement has been made whereby copies can be bought, the plates being used for a much larger edition than that originally provided for congressional distribution.

Professor Carl C. Plehn of the University of California has reprinted from the University Chronicle, in a clear and interesting pamphlet of 45 pages, three lectures on the *Finances of the United States in the Spanish War*. They can apparently be obtained from the University.

Mr. John Noble, clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, has for some time been engaged in superintending the important work of arranging and indexing the papers preserved in the clerk's office. The collection consists of some 500,000 papers bound up in about 1200 large volumes. It comprises pleadings, exhibits, depositions, copies of records, deeds, wills, correspondence and miscellaneous papers, and illustrates historical, genealogical, topographical, and antiquarian matters throughout the period from 1629 to 1800. A part of the collection, chiefly the latter part, retains its original file arrangement, but about a half was in confusion. The work of arrangement and indexing was begun fifteen years ago and is still going on. An extensive account of the work and of the papers will shortly be published in the *Transactions* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts.

The selections from the letter-book of John Hancock which ran for some time in the *Boston Transcript* have now been gathered into a book by Mr. Abram English Brown. It is entitled *John Hancock, His Book*, contains much biographical and explanatory matter by the editor, and is published by Lee and Shepard (286 pp.).

The late Dr. J. Hammond Trumbull bequeathed to the American Antiquarian Society the manuscript, nearly completed, of a dictionary of the language of the Massachusetts Indians. The Society has made arrangements with the United States Bureau of Ethnology whereby the dictionary shall be printed under the editorial care of Mr. Albert S. Gatschet of that bureau. Dr. Trumbull's well-known scholarship in the Indian languages will doubtless make the book a standard.

The October number of the *Publications* of the Rhode Island Historical Society contains an article by the Hon. Amos Perry on early commercial signs in Providence and one by Hon. A. B. Gardiner on the Havana expedition of 1762. It has also a list of the vessels belonging to the port of Providence in 1791, with their tonnage.

Mr. William Nelson, chairman of the Public Records Commission of New Jersey, has recently discovered the record of the proceedings of the West Jersey Assembly in 1682. The Commission have employed Mr. Berthold Fernow to make a calendar of the early records in the office of the Secretary of State at Trenton. Those of East Jersey and West Jersey anterior to their union are nearly completed. It is hoped that the cal-

endar will be printed in the *New Jersey Archives*: Vol. XX. of that series, containing newspaper extracts relating to New Jersey, 1756-1761, and a history of New Jersey printers and printing prior to 1800, is nearly through the press. Vol. XXI. of the same series will contain an index to the marriage bonds in the office of the Secretary of State at Trenton and indexes to the marriage records of several counties prior to 1801. This volume also is nearly printed.

A letter of Benjamin Rush, printed in the *Bulletin* of the New York Public Library for November, proves that the articles signed "Scaevola" and "Hampden," in Bradford's *Pennsylvania Journal* for October 13 and 20, 1773, were written, the former by Mifflin, the latter by Rush.

The October number of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History* contains an interesting investigation of the origin of the Council of Censors and of its history in Pennsylvania, 1776-1790, by Mr. L. H. Meader; a body of extracts from the journal of one who surveyed land in northeastern Pennsylvania in 1797; and the conclusion of Mr. Howard M. Jenkins's account of the family of William Penn, which last is to appear before long in book-form.

Several matters of interest are presented in the October number of the *Virginia Magazine of History*: a series of early wills from Isle of Wight County; an interesting letter of Richard Bland on Virginian affairs in 1771 (but surely much lack of editing is shown when in a Virginian magazine the name of Rev. Mr. Horrocks is constantly spelled Howocks); a vindication of Sir William Berkeley, and a poll of Frederick County at the election of 1758, when Col. George Washington was chosen to the House of Burgesses. Mr. Alexander Brown's *First Republic in America* is reviewed at length by Mr. William Wirt Henry.

The latest issue in the series of *Johns Hopkins University Studies* is a monograph by Professor E. W. Sikes on The Transition of North Carolina from Colony to Commonwealth.

In 1844 the Historical Society of the University of North Carolina was organized by Governor Swain and others. But neither that association nor the North Carolina Historical Society, (if that was a different body, of which we are not sure), has maintained an active existence for some years past. On April 20, 1893, the North Carolina Historical Society was re-organized, at a meeting held at Charlotte. Dr. Dred Peacock of Greensborough was made president, and Mr. E. H. Bean of Charlotte secretary and treasurer.

The *Charleston Year-Book* for 1897 contains, as is usual, a historical appendix, by Hon. William A. Courtenay. It consists of a body of material, from uncommon books or from original manuscripts, relating to the history of the siege of Charleston in 1780: a history of St. Mary's Church (Catholic) by its rector, Dr. Thomas F. Hopkins; and extracts from the history of Easton, Mass., relating to the missionary expedition to South Carolina in 1695.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Chreitzberg has prepared an extensive and careful account of the early history of Methodism within the limits of the old South Carolina Conference, whose territory was South Carolina, with certain parts of North Carolina and Georgia. The book has been written at the invitation of the present conference and, under the title *Early Methodism in the Carolinas* (pp. xiv, 364), has been published by the Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

A *History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Alabama*, by Rev. Walter C. Whitaker, rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, extending from 1763 to 1891, has been published at Birmingham by Roberts and Son.

Dominique Rouquette's manuscript history of the Choctaws, a work of much value and interest, which had been supposed to have been destroyed by fire, has been lately deposited in the Howard Memorial Library at New Orleans.

In the October number of the *Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* the most important article is one by Mr. John C. Townes on the Development of the Judicial System of Texas, in which the subject of his former article is continued from the year 1845 down. An article by the late Judge Roberts, unfinished, deals with the Capitals of Texas. The same subject is really the chief theme of Judge C. W. Raines's second article on "The Enduring Laws of the Republic of Texas."

The next publication of the Caxton Club of Chicago will be the *Relation of Henri de Tonty concerning the Explorations of La Salle from 1678 to 1683*, translated by Mr. Melville B. Anderson.

The *Annals of Iowa* for October is mainly occupied with a series of articles on the Spirit Lake Expedition of 1857.

The Historical Department of Iowa has printed, under the editorial care of Professor Benjamin F. Shambaugh, the *First Census of the Original Counties of Dubuque and Demoine taken in July, 1836*.

The Duc de Loubat has caused the Borgia Codex, a Mexican ritual manuscript belonging to the Propaganda, to be reproduced in chromophotography under the supervision of the Vatican Library. The volume is entitled *Il Manoscritto Messicano della S. Congregazione di Propaganda Fede riprodotto*, etc.

In the most recent annual report of the Historisch Genootschap te Utrecht Mr. George Edmundson publishes General William Byam's report of the conquest of Paramaribo in 1665; Mr. Kernkamp prints some documents relating to the history of the Noord-Compagnie.

Messrs. Hume and Company of Santiago de Chile have republished from Vol. 97 of the *Anales de la Universidad de Chile* the *Bibliografía Española de las Islas Filipinas, 1523-1810* (524 pages) by Señor J. T. Medina. The bibliography contains 667 titles and is fully indexed.

The early expeditions of the Dutch against the Philippines are chronicled by Mr. Sloos in an Amsterdam thesis, *De Nederlanders in de Philippijnsche Wateren vóór 1626*.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: E. Beauvois, *La Contrefaçon du Christianisme chez les Mexicains du Moyen Age* (Le Muséon, 1898, 3-4); H. de Charencey, *Le Historien Sahagun et les Migrations Mexicaines* (*ibid.*); W. G. Sumner, *The Coin Shilling of Massachusetts Bay*, I. (Yale Review, November); R. R. Elliott, *The Recollets at Detroit during the Eighteenth Century* (American Catholic Quarterly, October); A. M. Davis, *A Connecticut Land-Bank of the Eighteenth Century* (Quarterly Journal of Economics, October); *Loyalists of the American Revolution* (Quarterly Review, October); P. L. Ford, *The Many-Sided Franklin* (Century, November); L. Vignols, *L'Esclavage aux Antilles Françaises avant 1789* (Revue de Géographie, September); R. P. Falkner, *The Development of the Census* (Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, November); L. Sciout, *La Révolution à Saint Domingue: Les Commissaires Sonthonax et Polverel* (Revue des Questions Historiques, October); L. G. Bugbee, *Slavery in Early Texas*, I. (Political Science Quarterly, September); R. D. Hunt, *The Legal Status of California, 1846-1849* (Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, November); D. S. Jordan, *Colonial Lessons of Alaska* (Atlantic, November); G. H. Haynes, *Qualifications for the Suffrage* (Political Science Quarterly, September); J. F. Crowell, *Railway Receiverships in the United States, their Origin and Development* (Yale Review, November).